

a lateral flow assay strip contained substantially within the assay portion, the assay strip containing at least one reagent that is used to detect one of the presence and absence of at least one analyte in a fluid; and

a collection strip for transporting the fluid from a fluid source to the assay strip, the collection strip including:

a first, narrow end contained within the housing and in fluid communication with the assay strip, and

a second, enlarged end protruding from the fluid receiving end.

51. **(Amended)** The device of claim 50, wherein the collection strip comprises a capillary matrix adapted for rapid wicking of fluid from a fluid source to the assay strip.

52. **(Amended)** The device of claim 50, wherein the fluid source is an oral cavity.

53. **(Amended)** The device of claim 50, wherein the second end is one of a paddle-shape and substantially bulbous shape.

54. **(Amended)** A device for assay of oral fluid, comprising:

an assay portion housing a lateral flow assay strip, the assay strip containing at least one reagent that is used to detect one of the presence and absence of at least one analyte in a fluid; and

a neck portion extending from the assay portion, the neck portion forming a channel for delivery of fluid to the assay strip, the channel being defined by a first, narrow part proximal to the assay portion and a second part including an opening for receiving the oral fluid, wherein the second part includes a channel width that is substantially wider than the channel width at the narrow end; and

a wicking member in fluid communication with the lateral assay strip, the wicking member having a first portion disposed within the channel and a second portion protruding outwardly from the neck portion opening.

55. (Amended) The device of claim 54, wherein the wicking member second portion is paddle shaped.

56. (Amended) The device of claim 54, wherein the width of the neck portion tapers from the opening width to the narrow end width.

Please add new claims 57 through 61 as follows:

2.126 57. (new) The device of claim 50, wherein the assay strip is an immunochromatography strip.

58. (new) The device of claim 50, further comprising a sample adequacy indicator.

60 60. (new) The device of claim 50, wherein the reagent is an immunospecific binding partner which bears a detectable label.

61 61. (new) The device of claim 50, wherein the reagent is an enzyme labeled binding partner.

62 62. (new) The device of claim 50, wherein the reagent comprises one of an antigen and an antibody.